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Commander, U.S. Army Regional Health Command Europe and Command Surgeon, U.S. Army Europe



Brigadier General Norvell Vandervall (Van) Coots currently serves as Commander, U.S. Army Regional Health Command Europe and Command Surgeon, U.S. Army Europe. Previously he served as the Deputy Commanding General for Support and the Assistant Surgeon General for Force Projection from March 2013 - May 2014. He served as the Surgeon General United States Forces Afghanistan from May 2012 - March 13. From 11 July 2008-31 August 2011, he commanded the Walter Reed Healthcare System, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, in Washington, DC. Just prior to that assignment he served as the Commander of the Keller Army Community Hospital, West Point, New York, and as the 52nd Surgeon of the United States Military Academy.

He began his military career in the Medical Service Corps as a 67K, Medical Supply Officer. He is a graduate of the Benedictine High School Military Institute in Richmond, Virginia. He attended the United States Military Academy (Ex-'80), and Howard University where he received his commission through ROTC. He is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, Oklahoma City, OK. He performed a Transitional Internship at William Beaumont Army Medical Center, El Paso, TX, and, after a two-year tour as a general medical officer in Korea, completed a Dermatology residency at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, TX. His previous assignments include numerous leadership and clinic positions to include assignments in CONUS, Germany, and Korea.

General Coots is a Diplomate of the American Board of Dermatology and a Fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology. He holds an active membership in the American College of Physician Executives, the National and American Medical Associations, the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States, the Association of Military Dermatologists, and the Washington D.C. Dermatological Society. He is a graduate of the Army War College with a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies, and is an alumnus of the Interagency Institute for Federal Health Care Executives. His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (2OLC), the Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLC), the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal (2OLC), the Korean Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Medal, and the Order of Military Medical Merit. He has been awarded the Surgeon General's "A" Proficiency designator in Dermatology. He is an Assistant Professor of Dermatology at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, and also served as an advisor on that institution's Board of Regents.

General Coots has been appointed a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great (military division.) He is a Knight of the Order of the White Greyhound; a benevolent order of Chivalry based in France, and has received the Bessarabian Orders Caritas (Charity) and Renastere (Revival) as recognition for his benevolent service projects with the orphans of the Republic of Moldova. He has also been recognized by the Pearl S. Buck Society for his work in the development of a healthcare program for the Amerasian orphans of Korea. He is a Companion of the Military Order of the World Wars, a compatriot of the Sons of the American Revolution, and is a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha and Sigma Pi Phi Fraternities. Since 2006 he has been a member of the American Academy of Dermatology's Leadership Circle on Volunteerism.

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